

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2008

SWAC Members

Mark Glazer, Chair	Mimi Guernica	Ed Lee
David Frank, Vice Chair	Odell Hall	Lee Levine
Jessica Abralind	Marcia Harrington	Craig Simoneau
Leslie Alexander	Paula Jenson	Steve Sprague
Steve Findley		

Absent: M. Marks, S. McCarty

County Staff

Guests

Godfrey Ampadu, DSWS	Peter Karasik, DSWS
Robin Ennis, DSWS	Joe LaDana, DSWS
Rick Hands, DSWS	Scott McClure, DSWS
Angela Jordan, DSWS	Maureen O'Hara, DSWS
Eileen Kao, DSWS	Anthony Skinner, DSWS

The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was called to order by the Chair at 7:30 p.m. on March 18, 2008, in the Executive Office Building's Lobby Level Auditorium. Introductions were made. Ms. Kao introduced Ms. Robin Ennis, the Section Chief of the Collections Section.

The Chair welcomed everyone. Ed Violette was appointed by the County Executive to serve on SWAC, replacing Earl Harris.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Minutes – The minutes from the February 5, 2008, were approved as submitted.

Subcommittee/Ad Hoc Group Reports – No subcommittees and ad hoc groups met since the last meeting.

SWAC Representative on the Dickerson Area Facilities Implementation Group (DAFIG)
–There were no volunteers to be SWAC's DAFIG representative. The next DAFIG meeting will be on Tuesday, June 10, 2008.

MAJOR PROGRAM TOPIC

Ms. Kao gave a brief overview of the budget and approval process with respect to the FY09 Operating Budget. Then numerous DSWS staff members presented program by program highlights of the CE's FY09 Recommended Operating Budget:

- FY09's operating budget was increased just over two percent versus FY08's budget.
- 9% of the chargeback budget goes to the Department of Environment Protection for operating and personnel cost, this also includes environmental monitoring.
- The Dickerson Master Plan, which includes the RRF, Compost Facility, and Site 2 Landfill, has a DSWS budget only for projects that are scheduled in that fiscal year. All projects can vary from year to year, and may not be the same.
- The Solid Waste Transfer Station, which handles and processes waste and recyclable material, will have a 14% percent decrease in its budget. The two closed landfills in Montgomery County, Oaks and Gude, will see no change and an increase of four percent, respectively.
- There is a long-term contract for out-of-county refuse disposal through 2012, with an optional five year extension. The budget was increased six percent to cover inflation and projected tonnage.
- Funding for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) advertising for FY09 was increased for public education of all HHW programs, including Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs) and mercury-filled thermometers.
- Recycling and Waste Reduction: Multi-Family Recycling, which includes apartment and condominiums, will continue an aggressive site visit program.
- Recycling Outreach and Education: Educating the public is the only way to ensure proper recycling procedures are being followed. Publications such as the "Guide to Waste Reduction" and the "Guide to Recycling" help communities with proper and increased recycling and waste reduction.
- Recycling Volunteer Program: Volunteerism will continue to be strongly encouraged, with continued recruitment efforts, training and support. Volunteer handbooks and recruitment manuals will be updated and distributed. A newsletter called "The Recycleletter" will be published. This budget also supplies funding for the cost of the compost bins. The cost of the bins is rising, due to the high cost of petroleum. Residents will continue to be supplied with compost bins to encourage yard trim recycling at home.

NEW BUSINESS

- Budget Subcommittee – There was a call for one or two more volunteers to sit on the budget ad hoc committee. Ms. Abralind volunteered. A meeting will need to take place within the next two weeks to discuss CE's Recommended

FY09 Budget. All suggested recommendations will be presented to the full SWAC membership at the April 1, 2008 meeting for discussion. The budget committee now consists of Messrs. Glazer and Hall and Ms. Abralind.

- New Member Orientation – New SWAC member orientation will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2008, in the 6th floor conference room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

ACRONYMS

CE	County Executive
DAFIG	Dickerson Area Facilities Implementation Group
DEP	Department of Environmental Protection
DSWS	Division of Solid Waste Services
FY	Fiscal Year
RRF	Resource Recovery Facility
SWAC	Solid Waste Advisory Committee

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2007 ATTENDANCE														
	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	Absences In Last 12 Months	
Alexander, Leslie									X	X	X			
Faul-Zeitler, Bobbie		X	X		X	X			X	X	X		-1	
Frank, David			X		X	X			X	X	X		-1	
Glazer, Mark		X	X			X			X	X	X		-1	
Guernica, Mimi									X	X			-1	
Hall, Odell		X			X	X			X	X			-2	
Harrington, Marcia									X	X	X			
Levine, Lee		X	X			X			X		X		-2	
Marks, Marcia									X	X	X			
Simoneau, Craig		X	X		X	X			X	X	X			

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2008 ATTENDANCE														
	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	Absences In Last 12 Months	
Abralind, Jessica		X	X											
Alexander, Leslie		X	X										-1	
Findley, Steve			X											
Frank, David	X	X	X											
Glazer, Mark	X	X	X										-1	
Guernica, Mimi	X	X	X										-1	
Hall, Odell	X		X										-3	
Harrington, Marcia	X	X	X											
Jenson, Paula		X	X											
Lee, Ed		X	X											
Levine, Lee	X	X	X										-2	
Marks, Marcia	X	X											-1	
McCarty, Sean	X	X											-1	
Simoneau, Craig	X	X	X											
Sprague, Steve		X	X											
Violette, Ed			X											